FISCAL NOTE

HB 896 - SB 833

March 14, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes "speech language pathology assistant" to "speech language pathology aide" and requires such aides to register with the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences. Requires the applicants to provide proof that he or she meets the minimum qualifications established by the Board for speech language pathology assistants in its rules and to pay a registration fee set by the board. The Board's rules shall require each registered speech pathology assistant to obtain the minimum number of hours of continuing education each year the board deems necessary.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – \$540 Increase State Expenditures – \$540

Assumptions:

- The biennial renewal fee will be the same price as the initial application and registration fee of \$20.
- There are currently 54 speech pathology assistants who initially registered. An estimated 27 of those would renew their registration each year totaling \$540 new annual revenue.
- The Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences, by statute, is self supporting such that revenues equal expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director